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CHAUTAUQUA.

The Best Program Put On In Monroe City—Best In North Missouri—Now For As Good a Program Next Year.

The Monroe City Chautauqua which closed Sunday gave more general satisfaction than any other ever put on this city. The lectures were all good, the music high-class, and the entertainments really entertained and were also instructive.

Commencing with Wednesday afternoon the Symphony Orchestra continued furnishing good music and greatly pleased. The reading of Miss Ruth Wilson was heartily applauded. The lecture of Fr. Daly was great and in it was much food for thought. Thursday and Friday the Maurer Sisters, musicians and readers, took well with the people because they are high-class in their line. Many pronounce Mrs. Lake's lecture Thursday afternoon the best of the chautauqua. Then in the evening Ratto, the impersonator proved that all the good things said about his work were true. On Friday afternoon Lou J. Beauchamp delivered a strong lecture. In the evening Dr. Lincoln Wirt gave an interesting description of his experiences in the far north. The popular Schuman Quintette was with us Saturday and Sunday. They pleased because they are first-class musicians. Sunday afternoon George W. Bain, the silver tongued orator of Kentucky, gave a lecture which was filled with good things as are all his lectures. The Chautauqua people owe R. F. Bebb a vote of thanks at least for the use of a good piano, which this year as he did last, he furnished free. Before the Chautauqua, as is usual there were some who knocked on the program. Now it has proven that the committee who selected the program did their work well—so well in fact that they were re-elected for 1914. They are face to face with only about 500 pledged season tickets. This is not enough. See that more are pledged. They have selected a program, conditionally, for next year. It is as good or better than the 1913 program. Before signing they want more tickets pledged. Do not wait. Now is the time to get the talent. Do your part by signing liberally for tickets. Then boost for the 1914 meeting.

Making Progress.

Work on the water works and sewerage system is progressing nicely. About 3100 feet of sewer has been put in and they are moving along nicely. At the dam not much has been accomplished on account of not having an engine large enough but a larger engine will soon be at work. The water mains have been laid from the reservoir to Main street in front of Democrat office and they are averaging about 800 feet per day. Tuesday they made 1200 feet. Part of the time they have not been working on account of material not being on the ground. The septic tank will be ready for the concrete the last of the week and will probably be finished next week. And the good work goes on.

Mrs. Edward Eddy who has been staying with her brother, Chas. H. Lafever went to Quincy Tuesday to visit her son.

Miss Rebecca Megown went to St. Louis Tuesday to visit her sister Mrs. Lewis Moore.

ABOUT THE CHURCHES

interesting News Concerning the Different Denominations.

This Column Closes Promptly at 9 A. M. Each Wednesday.

Revs. J. H. Hubbard and Fred Haines are in St. Charles attending the 97th Missouri Annual Conference. Bishop E. E. Hoss of Nashville is presiding.

METHODIST

Sunday School 9:30 a. m.
Junior League 2:30 p. m.
Senior League 7:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 8:00 p. m.

John H. Hubbard,
Pastor in Charge

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. Elias Tuley at 2:30 Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Jarman, Secy.

The Young Ladies Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. R. O. Cranston Thursday afternoon, Sept. 11th.

CHRISTIAN

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wed. 7:30 p. m.

The whole membership of the church, and friends are urged to be in attendance next Sunday. We are planning to participate in the church attendance campaign of 1913. This campaign which will last eight weeks will be with us preparatory to our protracted meeting in November.

The ladies decided last Sunday morning to have a bazaar this year. It is expected that it will be held somewhere between Dec. 11th and 20th. Definite announcement to be made next week.

Remember next Sunday evening we begin our evening services. Please plan to be there.

W. Garnet Alcorn.

FIRST BAPTIST

The harvest is past, the summer of 1913 is ended, and there are scores of people in our town who are not saved. What are we going to do about it? May we not each one of us now assume our responsibility in the Lord's work and be found in our places at each service. It is so important that we all do our best. It is so easy not to do it.

Only twice in six months did our Sunday School attendance run above the one hundred mark. We ought to have one hundred and twenty-five there next Sunday morning.

Our B. Y. P. U. went on a vacation during July and August, but we hope to have a meeting next Sunday evening. We ought to have at least fifty of our young people at this service. We want to lay out plans for the winter's work.

Sunday School meets at 9:45 a. m. and the preaching service in the morning is at 11 o'clock.

The B. Y. P. U. will meet at 6:45 and the preaching service will be at 7:45 p. m. We give you a cordial invitation to worship with us.

SAM P. GOTT, Pastor.

W. H. Moss is going to put in a modern hot water heating plant at his beautiful country home. F. O. Baldwin has the contract.

Miss Fannie Clagett, of Philadelphia has been visiting her sister Mrs. Joseph Smith east of town.

Miss Jennie Boone, of Ely and her sister, Mrs. Hanley, of Oklahoma City, were here Monday.

ITEMS FROM FARMERS

Of Farmers, For Farmers and Pertaining to Farmers.

J. W. Janes is going to move away and will sell at public sale at what is known as the Steve Rath-born farm, 5 miles south of Monroe City and 1 1/2 miles southeast of Indian Creek on Thursday, Sept. 4 several head of horses and mules, cattle, hogs, farm implements, some feed, etc.

Many farmers who have good sound old corn are picking out of it their seed corn for next year. This appears to be the wise thing to do.

The man with the silo saves all his feed and makes it do the most good. Years like this there is no farmer who can afford to do without a silo.

M. T. Lawless is double discing his wheat and rye land with a traction engine pulling three discs. In this way he double discs about 40 acres per day and finds it cheaper than using teams. He has two discs side by side following the engine and these are followed by the third which cuts the center.

Market Report.

For Wednesday before date of paper.

Hogs.....\$6.50 to 8.50
Sheep.....3.00 to 6.00
Cattle.....6.00 to 8.25

Poultry.

Hens.....11c
Spring chickens 1 1-2 to 13c
2 1-2 pounds.....
Old Roosters.....05c
Ducks.....10c
Turkey Hens.....10c
Young Toms.....10c
Toms.....10c
Guineas, each.....17c
Geese.....05c
Eggs.....14c
Tallow.....04c
Butter.....18c
Green Hides.....09c
Corn.....75c
Wheat No. 2.....82c
Oats.....35 to 36c
Hay.....\$8.00 to \$10.00
Baled hay.....\$10.00 to 13.00

Shipments for the week: Dawson & Willis 4 cars sheep; McClintic & Yates 4 cars hogs; Albert Buckman 1 car cattle; Henderson & Sons 2 cars poultry and 1 car eggs; McFarland Bros. 2 cars flour.

More Improvements.

The spirit of improvement keeps breaking out in new places in this city since the water works, sewerage and 24-hour electric service is assured. This time it is the Paul building just north of Monroe City Bank which is to present an up-to-the minute appearance. The interior of the building is to be made modern in every respect with new fixtures and the front is to be made correspond with others which are being put in. This building is to be occupied by Hanly & Green about the 20th with a new line of clothing and gents furnishings.

Consolidated.

Fletcher Bros., the owners of the brick livery barn, have bought the stock and good will of Gones & McAllister and will consolidate the two. The business will be conducted at the Brick Barn. The deal was made by W. R. Smith. They are excellent gentlemen and will do their best to please their patrons. We have not learned what Mr. McAllister will do but hope he will continue to be one of Monroe's hustlers. Success to all.

MORE RAILROAD

Looks Like Monroe City is to Be On the Shortest Chicago-Kansas City Line and Possibly a Division.

The shortest line between two points is what the railroads are working for these days and the appearance of railroad surveyors in this section brings to mind some information which we received about two years ago, so we republish what appeared in the Democrat of July 6, 1911:

"The report is that the Burlington is to build the Mexico and Monroe City line to Kansas City on some one of the surveys made last fall. It comes into Monroe City just to the west of the city. It is more than likely that Monroe City will get a round house and a freight division at least. Then a new depot and other improvements will follow and it may be the stock pens will be taken out of town. In any event the new road will be helpful to the city in many ways. The new road will give the Burlington the shortest Chicago-Kansas City line which be through Monroe City and also the shortest St. Louis-Kansas City line. That is the one thing railroads are now working for and the Burlington is a road which keeps up with the procession."

The above was published after we had been informed early in July of 1911 by a person who was on the inside that the road would be built. Now that the surveyors are again at work it looks like dirt will soon begin to fly. With this new road, our water works and sewerage system and 24-hour electric service together with the fact that the city is surrounded by the best farming country in the world makes things look bright for the future of our city.

National Aid For Roads.

The success of his good roads days has inspired Governor Major to call a national meeting at St. Louis next November. Governors, congressmen and boosters from all sections will be invited. The governor hopes to secure practical support for a scheme for government aid on which he has been working for some time. He can see no reason why the government should spend hundreds of millions of dollars every year for battleships, coast defenses, colonies and other things in which the farmer has only an indirect interest, and do nothing at all for the highways in which every citizen has a direct interest. He believes the way to remedy such a condition is to devise the right sort of plan, then bring such pressure to bear that congress will do for the home folks what it has been doing for outside interests all these years. The governor is a son of a farmer and earned his first money as a farm hand, hence his interest in better roads and other things of benefit to the farming class.—Democratic Bulletin

Ollie Hardesty and others who have been visiting our good friends "Tony" Meyers and family at Cuba, Mo., report a most delightful visit, but then that is what you always expect when visiting Tony. They report a good fruit crop in that part of the state and also that they have had more rain.

Mrs. W. T. Youell and daughter spent Saturday in Hannibal.

GOOD ROADS

Can Be Secured By a Careful Selection of Members of Congress and State Legislatures.

Bad roads are expensive to every person be he a resident of city, town, or country and no person is benefitted by bad roads. They cost the people millions every year. Then why endure them. The reason so far has been that the system of building them is wrong. The burden is on the farmer and citizens of towns which fortunately or unfortunately are not county seats. Only about one-tenth of the money collected around Monroe City in either of the three counties ever gets back to build the roads of the people who pay this tax. Some favorite locality gets the money people of this vicinity have to pay. For this reason there should be and there will be a radical change in our road laws. Politicians who have their ears to the ground have heard the rumbling and are getting into line for the change. When it comes good roads will be in all parts of the country not in spots as at present. To get the cost equitably assured on all the people Good Roads must be paid for by Nation, State, County and District, with the Nation paying more than the State, the State paying more than County, the County paying than the District. Then in order that the people around the county seats do not get all the benefit, it must be further provided that when a district gets its money, by taxes, subscription or otherwise, the other money must be forth coming. Then these roads should all be built by contract and under the supervision of a competent engineer. Perhaps you do not believe that such a system can be established. That is an easy thing to do, now that the people elect direct the United States Senators, the Representatives in Congress, the State Senators, the Representatives in the State legislature and the County Court. It is now up to the people to get an expression from all candidates as to their position on this important question—The Nation, State and County spend much money that does not do near the good that it would if used in building good roads under this system. Do not be bashful in telling these candidates what we not only expect but what we are going to have. A general movement of the people along this line will bring us good roads in a surprisingly short time and the expense of getting them will be so equitably divided that none will feel the cost.

This is the third of a series of articles on Good Roads and more will follow. We desire the criticism of any of these articles and if you do not think this the best plan we want to hear from you. What we want to see is Good Roads as they mean so much to all the people, they benefit all classes of business and do no injury to any one. Let us hear from you.

There is lots of difference between an optimist and a cheerful idiot. An optimist always thinks the best puts the best foot forward, is never beaten, believes in man's humanity to man—that the worst never happens. The cheerful idiot simply says "Everything is all right."—Ex.